



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Water System Discussion
Tuesday, February 12, 2013

A. Call to Order

Councilmember David Jensen opened the workshop at 1:08 p.m.

B. Present

Councilmembers: David Jensen, Vinessa Mulinux, Fred Marshall, Jon Chambreau and Gary Forner. Staff: Elaine McMillan (Treasurer), Dennis Schweizer (WTP), Daryl Gardner (WTP), Dave McKee (Public Works), Nancy Lockett (G&O) via phone. Commerce: Cathi Read. Department of Health: Corinna Hayes via phone

C. Discussion

1. Status reports on projects:

Backwash Basin Improvements: Cultural assessment work is done. Design report is currently being reviewed by Teresa Walker. Current cost estimates show a possible \$30,000 shortfall (materials costs). City could apply for Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) loan to make up shortfall, if needed.

New Indian Creek Reservoir and New City Center Reservoir: Cultural assessment work is done. Indian Creek reservoir will be Mt. Baker Silo concrete tank. City Center reservoir will be bolted steel. Teresa Walker had a few comments on the pre-design report, which was submitted to Health (comment letter dated 12-7-12). The comments are being answered/addressed.

Jon Chambreau asked about seismic concerns/safeguard against draining the tanks. Nancy Lockett replied that a pressure sensing valve and a seismic valve that detects seismic movement above certain levels and shuts the valve will be used to avoid draining.

New Up flow Clarifier and Improvements to the Treatment Plant: Health recently sent an e-mail informing the City and G&O that it is okay to proceed with design for a new upflow clarifier. Pre-design will be submitted to DOH by end of February. Other improvements needed at the treatment plant to optimize performance are being discussed and prioritized by Nancy Lockett, Daryl Gardner, Dennis Schweizer and others. Some of these improvements will be included in separate schedules in the bid package and will be done if there is sufficient funding.

Sahalee water and sewer line replacement: The city continues to work with USDA on potential funding for this project.

Slide Damage to Infrastructure: The city is submitting an application to USDA ECWAG for potential emergency funding.

Source Water Protection Grant (\$30,000 grant): Bids are anticipated to be requested in March.

Source water protection efforts: In addition to the information from Kitty Weisman (DOH), Elaine discussed the meeting held with Longview Timber, CREST and Columbia Land Trust.

2. Water Distribution System

Continue to identify and fix leaks – Lost water continues to be high. Daryl believes the new meter to be installed to meter water leaving the plant will assist with resolving.

Cross Connection control – Dennis will be taking his test in the near future. Dave continues to work with Mary at BMI.

3. Water Treatment Plant – Updates

Computers/Programming – The recent assessment by IFOCUS was discussed and an overall need for some IT oversight.

Dock to access new intake – The pieces of the dock have been moved near the dam and are awaiting installation.

4. Miscellaneous –

G&O dropbox – Has been utilized

Hydrant – Gail Moore questioned when hydrant will be installed. Dave hopes to do it in May.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

D. Adjournment: 2:02 p.m.

David Jensen, Mayor Pro-tem

Elaine McMillan, Treasurer